

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 6, 27, and 28 without prejudice, and amend claim 8 as follows:

1. (Previously Amended) A filter assembly comprising:
a self-supporting permanently electrostatically charged three-dimensional filter media made from a synthetic polymer fiber configured to filter non-gaseous items including dust and other airborne contaminants from a gas flow; and
a plurality of attachment strips, each strip having a first portion attachable to the filter media and a second portion attachable to a housing surrounding an intake.
2. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 1, wherein the filter media is washable.
3. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 1, wherein the filter media is semi-rigid.
4. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 1, wherein the filter is UV protected.
6. (Cancelled)
8. (Currently Amended) The filter assembly of claim ~~6~~1, wherein the three-dimensional filter includes a corrugated layer and a base layer that is interwoven with the corrugated layer.
9. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 8, wherein the filter includes a top layer that is interwoven with the corrugated layer such that the corrugated layer is between the base layer and the top layer.
10. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 1, wherein the filter assembly is deformable to match the contour of the housing around the intake.

11. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 1, wherein the attachment strips surround the perimeter of the filter media.

12. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 1, wherein the first portion includes a first adhesive side, the first adhesive side being attachable to the filter media.

13. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 12, wherein the second portion includes a first adhesive side attachable to the housing.

14. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 13, wherein the first portion includes a second side and the second portion includes a second side, wherein the second sides of the first and second portions are removably attachable to each other by hook and loop fasteners.

15. (Previously Amended) A filter assembly comprising
a permanently electrostatically charged three-dimensional filter media made from a synthetic polymer fiber;
a deformable frame positioned around at least a portion of the filter media; and
attachment strips having first sides and second sides, the first sides being attached to the deformable frame and the second sides being removably attachable to a housing surrounding an inlet.

16. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 15, further comprising a support structure, wherein the frame is at least positioned around at least a portion of the support structure.

17. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 16, wherein the filter media and the support structure are adjacent to each other within the frame.

18. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 17, wherein the frame completely surrounds the perimeter of the filter media and the support structure.

19. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 16, wherein the support structure is a metal screen.

20. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 19, wherein the metal screen is an expanded media designed to allow air flow.

21. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 15, wherein the frame includes thin walled C-shaped metal channels.

22. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 15, wherein the frame is substantially rigid.

23. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 15, wherein the frame is made of a flexible polymer.

24. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 15, wherein the attachment strips are magnetic strips.

25. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 24, wherein the magnetic strips are flexible.

26. (Original) The filter assembly of claim 24, wherein the magnetic strips are attached to the frame by adhesive.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Amended) A method of mounting a filter to an intake on a housing, the method comprising:

selecting a permanently electrostatically charged three-dimensional filter media having a periphery;

forming the filter media to a desired size to match the size and contours of the intake;

fitting attachment strips along the periphery of the filter media; and
securing the filter media to an intake with the attachment strips.

30. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 29, wherein forming the media filter includes cutting the filter media.

31. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 29, further comprising positioning a deformable frame around the periphery of the filter media.

32. (Previously Amended) A method as claimed in claim 31, wherein forming the media filter includes deforming the filter media and deformable frame.